

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the
Commission's Own Motion to Evaluate Existing
Practices and Policies for Processing General Rate
Cases and to Revise the General Rate Case Plan
for Class A Water Companies.

Rulemaking 03-09-005
(Filed September 4, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
ADOPTING AGENDA FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

As previously scheduled, oral argument before the Assigned
Commissioner and Administrative Law Judge will be held:

**Thursday April 8, 2004
10:00 am
Commission Hearing Rooms
San Francisco, California**

The agenda for the oral argument is attached. The agenda provides speaking opportunities for the utilities, as a group, and the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA). The agenda divides speaking time evenly between the utilities and ORA. The utilities may divide their time among themselves or select one speaker for each issue.

The agenda is based on the status of issues set out in Appendix E to the March 22, 2004, Workshop Report. Appendix E shows that the parties have reached agreement on many issues. Consequently, these issues need not be included in oral argument. In addition, two issues appear to be largely legal

issues that can be best resolved through legal briefing.¹ The remaining issues have been included in the agenda. The Workshop Report also proposed to delay resolution of several issues to a subsequent phase of this proceeding. Issue 3 on the agenda includes the matters to be delayed and the timing of the next phase.

The parties may distribute handouts in compliance with the following:

1. Sufficient copies of handouts for all attending the oral argument must be provided;
2. Handouts must include citations to record evidence clearly supporting any factual assertions;
3. All pages and points should be numbered for ease of reference and to facilitate an understanding of the resulting transcript; and
4. Handouts will not be received as exhibits.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated April 2, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MARIBETH A. BUSHEY

Maribeth A. Bushey
Administrative Law Judge

¹ The allocation of costs included in revenue requirement to affiliate and unregulated transactions are listed as separate issues. The Commission recently addressed these issues in Decision 03-09-021, Conclusions of Law 9 and 10.

AGENDA

10:00am Issue 1: Capital Additions

Utilities: (15 minutes)

ORA: (15 minutes)

Discussion: 15 minutes

Issue 2: Timing of General Office Allocation for Non-filing Districts

Utilities: (5 minutes)

ORA: (5 minutes)

Discussion: 10 minutes

Issue 3: Issues to be Resolved in Phase II and Schedule

Utilities: (10 minutes)

ORA: (10 minutes)

Discussion: 10 minutes

Closing Statements from the Parties

Utilities (10 minutes)

ORA (10 minutes)

Adjourn

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Resetting Filing Dates for Comments and Reply Comments on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated April 2, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JANET V. ALVIAR

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